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Salmeterol

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

It is hereby petitioned that the period permitted for response be extended by three month, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), so that it will expire on February 18, 2006. The requisite fee is provided by the enclosed Fee Transmittal.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

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Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.